**High School Principals**

**First Weeks of School Plus/Delta**

**September 2012**

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| **Plus** | **Delta** |
| * **Lack of mentor program – principal can focus on working with new teachers** * **Counselors came back to work early to work with student schedules** * **Student mentors worked well with new freshman** * **First week being shortened** * **SLC (Student Learning Communities) – daily meetings with students focused on academic achievement – 8 students/adult – all staff involved – mixed grade-levels/all grades; 15 min/day; rather than competitions between grade-levels will have competitions between SLC groups to build relationships effectively among grade-levels** * **Weekly grade checks w/ SLC mentors** * **Homecoming week: bonfire, pep rally, bbq positive and students engaged** * **Assessment workshop in Portland – fit with MCCS and new ideas to discuss with staff regarding new ways of looking at assessment** * **IB off to a good start – student schedules are working; students have positive feedback (full classes – 28-30 students)** * **Creative and mutually agreed upon schedule for 2 days b4 school (.5 day 1st day morning work day; .5 1st day afternoon staff meeting; opposite on day 2)** * **Health Science Academy- teachers working together in a different way; teachers are making it effective; perfect number of student enrollments** * **Parent/community concerns greatly diminished** | * **Determination of 12 teacher prep early outs at late date was tricky** * **8 hours discussion became difficult and creative** * **Student scheduling issues** * **Teacher retired the day before school started** * **Enrollment numbers – open enrollment** * **Perceived impact of IB/Academies on fine arts program** * **Low enrollment in fine arts program and reasons behind it (staff)** * **Building day vs. work day (next time have building day first and work day second)** * **Drive to Missoula for bbq** * **Giving up time for staff bbq – all schools (have one in May??)** * **AIR QUALITY!!!** * **Registration process for new students and incoming freshman confusing** |